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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 8 and 27-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 8, 27, 29 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 6/30/06 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/22/07 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, first paragraph

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 7, 8 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. **This is a new rejection necessitated by applicants' amendment.**

The limitation that the isolated and purified MANF2 polypeptide comprises amino acids 27-187 has been added to claims 7 and 8 while claim 30 have been amended to recite that the method of producing MANF2 uses nucleic acid encoding amino acids 27-187 of MAF2. Applicant has stated that support for this limitation is found in the specification specifically in figure 15. However, examiner has been unable to find support in the originally filed specification or figure 15 for an isolated and purified MAF2 polypeptide comprising amino acids

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27-187. MANF2 is a 187 amino acid peptide and comprises a signal sequence between amino acid 26-27, production of the mature peptide is the result of expression of full length MANF2 from nucleic acid followed by proteolytic cleavage at the signal sequence. Figure 15 describes an analytical observation that MANF2 comprises a signal sequence between amino acids 26 and 27.

When determining whether a limitation is new matter or not, the MPEP teaches, "New matter includes not only the addition of wholly unsupported subject matter, but may also include adding specific percentages or compounds after a broader original disclosure, or even the omission of a step from a method. See MPEP § 608.04 to § 608.04(c)." The specification is drawn to methods of use of MANF2 polypeptide in methods of treatment of Parkinson's disease. MANF2 as disclosed in SEQ ID NO:2 for use in the methods as well as variants and analogues with amino acid substitutions or alterations that perform the same function. Applicants disclose in example 6 that peptide isolated following transfection of COS cells with full-length MANF2 coding sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) lacked the signal sequence from amino acid 1-26 and it appears this peptide was used experimentally. A peptide comprising amino acids 27-187 encompasses a series of fragments as this genus of peptides includes any MANF2 peptide ranging from amino acid 1-187 to 27-187. While, applicants generically teach that fragments can be used, the specification is absent a disclosure as to what portions of the MANF2 polypeptide are to be utilized such that fragments can be identified nor does the specification identify any fragments. Because the specification does not contemplate these specific compounds explicitly nor inherently, the limitation that the MANF2 peptide comprises amino acids 27-187 is new matter. Furthermore, methods of producing such a peptide or one "consisting of amino acids 27-187" is new matter as the specification does not contemplate use

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of any nucleotide except SEQ Id NO:1. The claims recite that a polynucleotide encoding MANF2 27-187 is introduced into cells whereas no such polynucleotide is disclosed or contemplated in the specification. The disclosed process of producing MANF2 consisting of amino acids 27-187 involves production of full-length MANF2 and proteolytic cleavage of the signal sequence. Therefore, the limitation that the method of producing a polypeptide comprising or consisting of amino acids 27-187 by use of a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide is impermissible NEW MATTER.

Double Patenting

A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101, which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).

A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claims 27 and 29 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 7 and 8 of copending Application No. 11/330,359. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

This is a new rejection.

Conclusion

Claims 7, 8, 27, 29 and 30 are rejected.

Claim 28 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maria B. Marvich, PhD whose telephone number is (571)-272-0774. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Woitach, PhD can be reached on (571)-272-0739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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